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**Request for Proposals FY 2006-2007
Coastal Community Environmental Assistance Grant Program**

The SCDHEC-Office of Ocean and Coastal Resource Management (OCRM) is soliciting proposals from local governments to improve environmental quality in the coastal zone. The goal of the grant program is to improve the unique areas of the coast known as Geographic Areas of Particular Concern under the South Carolina Coastal Zone Management Plan, encourage restoration of waterfront areas, and provide public access to coastal resources. Projects should be designed to restore coastal resources of national significance. Examples include, but are not limited to, wetland/habitat restoration, creation or improvement of public access points, enhancing shellfish production, and revitalization of urban waterfronts.

Local governments are asked to submit applications for these funds by May 15, 2006. Grant awards will be announced by May 30, 2006. A project match of at least 100 percent non-federal funds or in-kind services (an equal amount to the amount requested) must be provided. Projects must be completed within one-year of the contract start date. Permits, if required, must be obtained by the applicant prior to construction. Quarterly progress reports and a final project report with applicable products will be required. Grant awards will not exceed \$50,000.

All applications must include:

1. A detailed project description, including plans and drawings, if applicable.
2. A location map.
3. A component that demonstrates success in improving environmental quality.
4. A budget reflecting all associated costs, including matching funds.
5. Project manager, financial officer (or grant administrator) and contact information.
6. A schedule of completion, including demonstration that the project can be completed within one year.

Application Review and Selection:

A review committee will select proposals based, in part, on the following:

Will the project effectively demonstrate the benefits of restoration efforts, particularly wetland restoration, for the protection of water quality and significant habitats?

Does the project include a component for measuring improvements to existing conditions?

How easily could this or other similar communities implement or replicate the methods used in this project?

What is the likelihood of success for the project within the given timeline and with the requested budget?

Does the project have strong community support, effective partnerships, and a strong education and outreach component?

Will the proposed project result in new ordinances or voluntary guidelines?

Please submit proposal by May 15, 2006 to:

Coastal Community Environmental Assistance Grant Program
SCDHEC-OCRM, Attn: James Hackett
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For additional information, please contact Mr. James Hackett, Environmental Planner at 843-744-5838 ext. 138 or Mr. Robert D. Mikell, Manager, Special Projects, at 843-744-5838, ext. 134. To correct our contact information for your office, please email corrections to: hacketjo@dhec.sc.gov. Please share this grant information with interested colleagues.
Thank you.